



Minnesota Crop Progress & Condition

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Despite wet conditions and cool temperatures in Minnesota, planting progress remained well ahead of last year and the five-year average during the week ending April 26, 2015, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. With only 4.0 **days suitable for fieldwork**, planting progress was near average for this week of April. Field activities for the week included applying fertilizer, spreading manure, and planting.

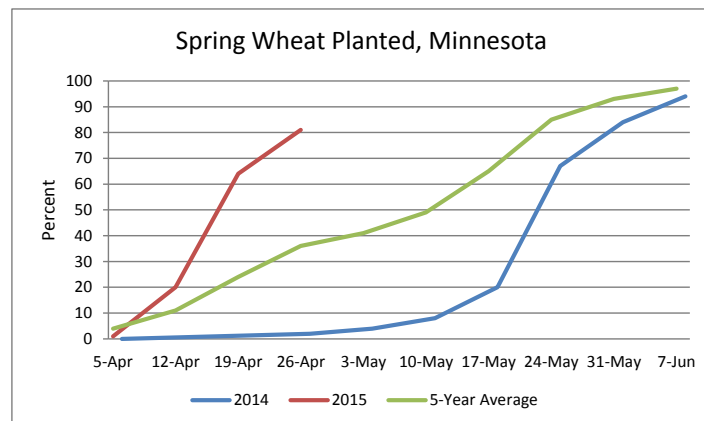
Scattered showers and snow helped improve **topsoil moisture** supplies to 2 percent very short, 29 percent short, 68 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 4 percent very short, 35 percent short, 61 percent adequate, and 0 percent surplus.

Minnesota's **corn** planting reached 38 percent complete, 18 days ahead of last year and 9 days ahead of the five-year average. A few farmers in southwest Minnesota have started to plant **soybeans**. While small grain seeding was at least 3 weeks ahead of average, cool soil temperatures have slowed emergence to slightly ahead of average. **Barley** was 58 percent seeded and 10 percent of the acreage had emerged. Seventy percent of the **oat** acreage was seeded and 23 percent had emerged. **Spring wheat** was 81 percent planted, five weeks ahead of last year. **Sugarbeet** planting was 85 percent complete, more than three weeks ahead of average. Forty-one percent of the expected **potato** acreage was planted, almost 2 weeks ahead of normal.

Pasture condition rated 83 percent fair to excellent, up 3 percentage points from the previous week. Pastures are turning green, but have little growth. Farmers in central Minnesota were worried about the extent of winterkill in alfalfa and the possible need to reseed acres. Spring calving continued to progress with little to no complications. Producers were concerned about the spread of Avian Influenza (AI) in turkeys across Minnesota.

Crop Condition as of April 26, 2015

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Pasture.....	1	16	50	32	1



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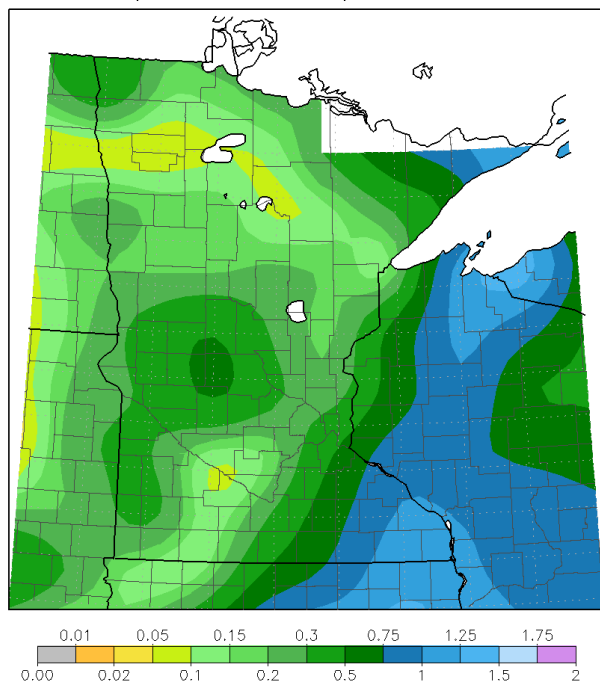
	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Yr Avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	4.0	5.7	1.6	2.5
Barley planted	58	44	2	32
Barley emerged	10	1	0	10
Corn planted	38	12	3	20
Oats planted	70	53	8	37
Oats emerged	23	6	0	17
Potatoes planted	41	20	0	23
Spring Wheat planted	81	64	2	36
Spring Wheat emerged	20	4	0	13
Sugarbeets planted	85	64	2	33

Soil Moisture Conditions as of April 26, 2015

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil Moisture	2	29	68	1
Subsoil Moisture	4	35	61	0

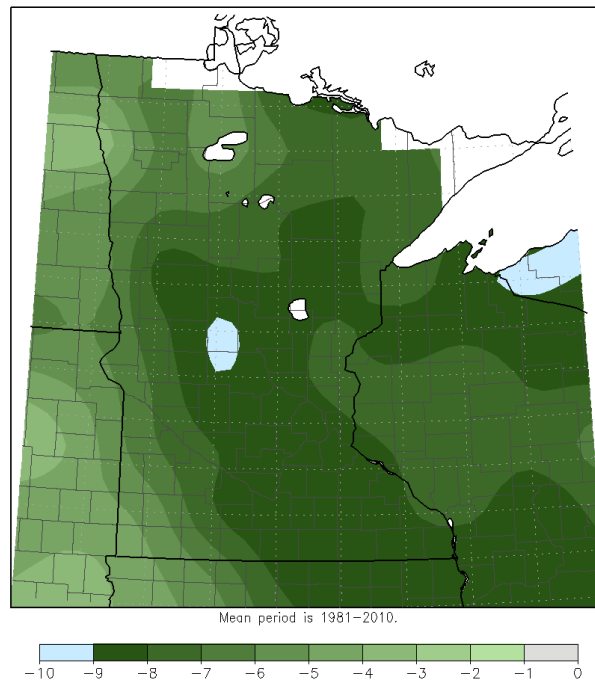
Minnesota Temperatures and Precipitation for the week ending April 26, 2015

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
April 20, 2015 to April 26, 2015



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Average Temperature (°F): Departure from Mean
April 20, 2015 to April 26, 2015



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National Weather Service data, courtesy of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources State Climatology Office, is available at:
<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/climate/historical/summary.html>

Growing Degree Days can be found at <https://mygeohub.org/groups/u2u/gdd>

Temperature and Precipitation Maps, courtesy of the Midwestern Regional Climate Center, are available at: <http://mrcc.isws.illinois.edu/CLIMATE/>